



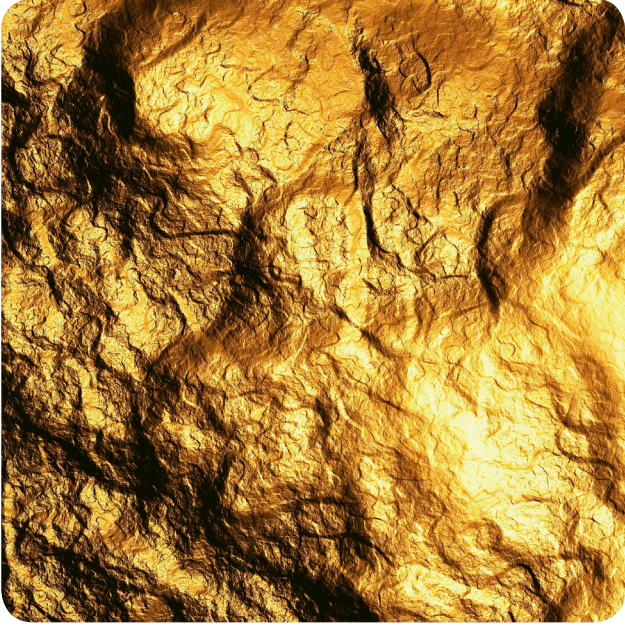
# boulder

A large rock.



**ecosystem**  
A group of living and nonliving  
things that are found together  
and affect each other.





# gold

A soft, yellow metal found in rocks.



# gravel

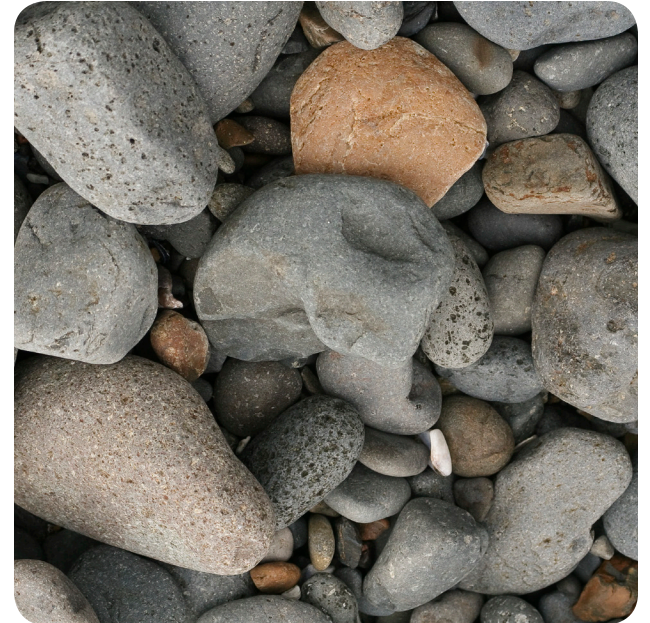
A mix of pebbles or small rocks.



# habitat

The place where an animal or plant lives and meets its needs.

**hardness**  
How easy or hard it is to scratch  
a rock or mineral.



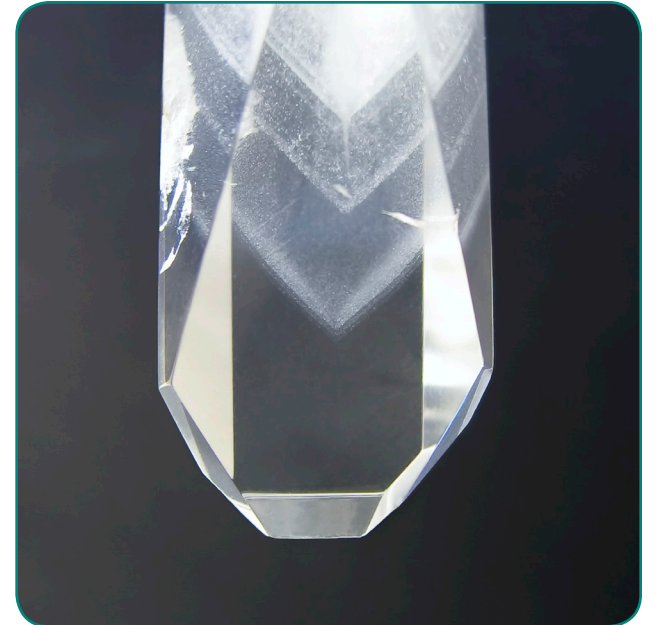


# iron

A strong, hard, and gray metal.

How shiny a rock or mineral is.

# luster





# manufacture

To make a product, often with machines in a factory.



**mineral**  
A solid material found naturally on Earth, such as quartz.





# mining

Taking minerals out of the earth.



pebble  
A small stone made smooth  
by weathering.





# process

The series of steps taken in doing or making something.



product  
Something that is made  
or grown.





# property

A description of how something looks, feels, or smells such as, softness, hardness, or color.



**rock**  
A solid, hard material from  
Earth's crust that is made up  
of minerals.





# sand

Loose, tiny pieces of rock.



A place where water comes  
from the ground; or, the season  
that follows winter.

# spring





# tidepool

A rocky habitat along the shore of the ocean, filled with water during high tides.

The breaking down of rocks by  
weather, water, and plant roots.

# weathering

